Laboratories and Extension agencies advise the farmers on balanced and efficient use of fertilisers/manures.

(2) Under the "Training and Visits" system being implemented in 14 major States, viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala. Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, latest technology is transferred to the farmers from Research Scientists through subject matter Specialists| Extension Officers|Village Level Workers through fortnightly visits.

(3) Under the 'farmers exchange programme' their visits are arranged to the other States to acquaint with the modern crop production technology.

(4) Indian Council of Agricultural Research in association with their chain of Research Institutes and the State Agricultural Universities operate first-line activities through their Krishi Vigyan Kendra/Lab to Land programmes and National demonstrations.

(5) Intensive Fertiliser Promotion campaign has been launched through lead fertiliser manufacturers in 104 selected districts which have sufficient rainfall|good irrigation but low fertiliser consumption.

Amount Sanctioned for NREP in U.P.

U.P.

2925. Dr. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount sanctioned under the National Rural Employment Programme to Uttar Pradesh during the current financial year;

(b) the number of persons benefited under the programme in Uttar Pradesh during the current year;

(c) whether any progress report about the implementation of the programme in Uttar Pradesh has been received from the State Government; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) The amount allocated to U.P. as Central assistance under National Rural Employment Programme for the year 1985-86 is Rs. 39.22 crores. Out of this an amount of Rs. 2289.75 lakhs has already been released to the State.

(b) The employment generated under the Programme is monitored in terms of mandays and not in terms of persons employed. The employment generated under the Programme in U.P. during the current year comes to 85.67 lakh mandays as per the reports received so far.

(c) Monthly progress reports for the months from April to July, 1985 have been received from the Government of U.P.

(d) A copy each of these reports is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXXXV, *Annexure No.* 59.]

Sale of imported sugar through fair price shops

2926. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sale of imported sugar has been ordered through fair price shops;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of fair price shops are not having stocks of imported sugar particularly in Delhi and Bombay; and

(c) whether Government propose to make suitable arrangements for the sale of imported sugar through fair

price shops and/or any other agency/ channel to enable the consumers to get imported sugar?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Food Corporation of India has given deliveries of imported sugar to various State Governments as per their quota allocations for free sale for distribution at fixed prices through controlled channels. Keeping in view certain operational problems intimated by some of the State Governments including Maharashtra they were permitted to distribute the said imported sugar meant for free sale through fair price shops also. In the remaining States including Delhi, free sale imported sugar is being distributed at fixed prices through controlled channels other than fair price shops.

With effect from August, 1985 some quantities of imported sugar are also being allotted to the State Governments against their monthly levy sugar quotas. These stocks are required to be distributed by the State Governments as levy sugar at Rs. 4.40 per kg. through fair price shops.

Corruption in awarding of tenders for Azadpur Subzimandi extension

2927. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the works connected with Azadpur Subzimandi Extension were awarded by DDA Chief Engineer (North), without calling tenders;

(b) whether of the total work shown done, only 30 per cent of the work has actually been done;

(c) whether DDA Quality Control Cell had given detailed report bringing out these scandals and over-payments;

(d) whether for many executed works, fake tenders were called afterwards from favourite contractors at exorbitant rates resulting in excess payment of about Rs. 40 lakhs; and

(e) what are the findings of the Quality Control Cell and follow up action taken or being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The DDA have informed that some of the works were awarded on work order basis.

(b) The DDA have denied this.

(c) The DDA Quality Control Cell conducted technical audit of work pertaining to the development of additional fruit market at Azadpur and gave a report pointing out irregularities, as noticed.

(d) This is being looked into.

(e) The main irregularities pointed out were splitting of large works and awarding the same on work orders without calling tenders acceptance of single tenders by the Executive Engineer beyond his powers and serious discrepancies in the payment for the earth work. Observation memos have been issued to the officers concerned and the replies received are under examination.

Production of cashew nuts

†2927-A. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:
SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of

†Previously unstarred question No. 2390, transferred from the 20th August, 1985